

The RCC Weekly

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Call For Proposals

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline for the *call for proposals* for the 2013 Massachusetts Community College Conference on Teaching, Learning and Student Development (TLSD) is a little over two weeks away. Staff in student affairs, professional development, service learning, community service and faculty are encouraged to submit proposals for review. This is an opportunity to share innovative and successful programs and initiatives with colleagues from across the state. December 13th is the deadline for proposals.

If you have any questions, contact Pamela B. Flaherty, Middlesex Community College-Bedford and Lowell, 781-280-3631



Mark Your Calendar

Now—December 5: Clothing Drive
Now—Christmas: RCC Food Drive
December 4: Weight Loss Program (see page 3)
December 4: Free Zumba Class (see page 3)
December 4: Phi Theta Kappa Open House (see page 4)
December 13: Deadline to submit proposal for TLSD Conference
December 13: Visual Arts Fair
December 17: Honors Presentation Day
December 18-21: Finals

Clothing Drive

The RCC Nursing Club and ADN 252 are running a **Gently Used Clothing Drive** for Shattuck Hospital.

When: Now- Dec 5

Where: Drop boxes located across from library & 4-311

What: Adult clothing only

Holiday Shopping

Put your hard earned money to work in our community this holiday shopping season by supporting area artists & craftspeople whose one-of-a-kind gifts will be on sale at the **ArtROX! Holiday Pop-Up Shop**.

When: Nov 30-Dec 24 (Mon & Fri, 11am-2pm / Sat & Sun, 11am-5pm)

Where: 2201 Washington Street, Dudley Square (Formerly Foot Locker)

For more information or to become a vendor visit www.discoverroxbury.org.



Visual Arts Fair

RCC students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to the **Fall 2012 Visual Arts Fair** - Gathering Student Art from this Fall's Photography Drawing and Painting classes

When: Thursday, Dec 13, 12-4pm

Where: Faculty Lounge (3-424)

Selected pieces will be available for purchase, so bring your checkbook!

Please come and enjoy some music and light refreshments.

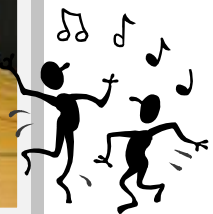


Senior Luncheon at the Reggie

On Friday, November 16, over 120 Senior Citizens from groups such as the RLTAC Sensational Seniors, ABCD, Mission Park and local communities came to the 16th Annual Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center Thanksgiving Luncheon.

The food was provided by Darryl's Corner Kitchen, music by DJ Dollar Bill and musical entertainment from Ron Murphy and friends. RCC students and staff volunteered to serve the seniors their lunch and then enjoyed dancing with the seniors. A Nubian Notion, a local organization, donated balloons as they have done for the past 15 years.

This is a wonderful event that RCC loves organizing for our seniors as a way of giving back to them for all they have done for us.



Service Learning Project: Professor Barbara Savage and fifteen MAT 120-02 students volunteered at the annual Thanksgiving dinner for seniors. Next semester, they will return to the Greater Boston Food Bank for additional volunteer work.



Reggie News

Zumba for Lunch!

"Join the Party!" Zumba is a fun dance class that will keep you motivated while moving to Latin rhythms and hip hop beats. If you have never tried Zumba here is your chance to try it for FREE during the month of December. RCC Students, Faculty and Staff are welcome.



When: Tuesdays in December, 12:15 – 1:15 PM

Where: Multi-purpose Room at the Reggie

Weight Loss Program

Kick off the Holiday Season right by signing up for the FREE Weight Loss Program run by the Reggie Lewis Center

Have your BMI (body mass index) measured and learn valuable information on how to lose weight and keep it off this Holiday Season.

When: Tuesday, Dec. 4 & 11 from 1-2PM

Where: Building 3/ Cafeteria

Topics: How to Lose Weight
The Truth about Weight Loss
Body Fat, Hormones & Exercise

If you are interested in either of these offerings, please email Fitness Coordinator, Cheryl McDermott at cmcderm@rcc.mass.edu or call 617-541-2461.

STEM Update

Discover your Career in the Sciences

On Friday, November 30th, the STEM department hosted an Open House for approximately 70 high school juniors and seniors. Students attended a panel session comprised of RCC faculty, students and alumni, and industry partners. They toured the labs and watched several science demonstrations.

For more information contact: Jennie Thrash, CVTE Coordinator at jthrash@rcc.mass.edu (617) 933 – 7434

Congratulations . . .

Prof. Nikolaus J. Sucher has published an article entitled, "The Application of Chinese Medicine to Novel Drug Discovery" in Informa Healthcare.

Speaker Series

Presenters Dylan O'Mahony and Craig Horgan from Bose Corporation presented *Enabling Business Success Through Technology* on Thursday, November 29th from 1:30-2:45pm in 3-447. It was a very successful event with over 20 people in attendance. A prize of Bose headphones was won by an RCC student.

RCC Food Drive

The holidays are right around the corner! Please consider donating to the **Food Drive** hosted by the Community Service Group.

Items most desired by the Food Bank:

- Dairy: Milk (dried, evaporated, and boxed)
- Protein: Beef stew, nuts, peanut butter, beans, and peas (dried or canned), chili, tuna fish, chicken, salmon (canned)
- Vegetables: Tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, vegetables (canned), tomato juice
- Fruit: Raisins and other dried fruit, applesauce, any canned fruit in its own juice
- Grains: Crackers, oatmeal, whole grain rice, all types

of pasta, ready to eat low sugar/high fiber cereal (Cheerios, Raisin Bran, etc.)

Please do not donate any food items in glass containers.

When: Now through Christmas

Where: Drop boxes are located in the Office for Student Life 3-353

What: Canned or non-perishable food

For more information, contact Lise Hagen, Community Partnership Program Coordinator at 617-541-5332 | Lhagen@rccmass.edu



Jazz Luncheon

On Thursday, November 29th, the Student Building came alive with the strains of jazz floating through the hallways. The **Holiday Jazz Luncheon**, which was hosted by the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Office of Student Life, was held in the old cafeteria and was free for students.

Dr. Turner gave the opening remarks, welcomed everyone and thanked the organizers for their time and hard work putting the event together.

The SGA and the US Army served over 125 students, staff and faculty.

The musical entourage featured Frank Wilkins from *We Jazz Up* and our own Dean Jose Alicea. Students were invited to showcase their talents. Morgan Mallory, a transfer student, entertained and wowed the crowd.



The event raised over \$150. Proceeds will go to help support a local family in the Greater Roxbury area and for Toys 4 Tots. If you were unable to attend and would like to make a donation, please contact the Office of Student Life, Academic Building, Room 353.

To find out more about RCC's Office for Student Life & Student Engagement, visit rcc.mass.edu/student-services or about RCC's Student Government, visit rcc.mass.edu/student-services/sga.asp



Staff Sergeant Michael M. Ellender, US Army Recruiter (center) volunteered at the luncheon with 4 of his recruits, fulfilling part of their community service requirement.

Honors Program Updates

Honors Advising Day

Honors Advising Day was a great success! Thanks to all those who spent part of their day at The Writing Center in support of the Honors Program.

Many students received information about the Honors Program and also signed up for courses—Comp II Honors and the Honors Colloquium (yeah!) as well as considering the pursuit of Honors Components.

This fruitful event means that RCC will continue to offer Honors Advising



The newly revamped Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at RCC recognizes and encourages scholarship among its students.

You are invited to come to the **Phi Theta Kappa Open House** to learn about its role at RCC as a student Honor Society.

When: Tuesday, Dec 4, 1:30pm

Where: Faculty Lounge, 3-424

Students will also discuss possible opportunities for leadership and service. Please come for lively fellowship among scholars! Food and refreshments will be served.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa is the official Community College Honor Society, with over 90 years of dedication to recognizing academic excellence.

For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, visit their website at

www.ptk.org

Honors Open House

On Tuesday, November 27, the Honors Program hosted an Open House. Share-Leigh presented a stimulating presentation on the psychological impact of slavery on African American motherhood, as chronicled through various literary sources. Of course, her presentation would not have been possible without the guidance and support of her mentor, Prof. David Updike.

As you can see from the photos, there was an engaged audience whose feedback at the end of the presentation created a forum for a meaningful exchange of ideas. This “sneak peek” of Share-Leigh’s Honors work will culminate at Honors Presentations Day on Dec. 17! Please consider attending this event to experience not only Share-Leigh’s work, but the projects of our other Honors students.



Items for “The Weekly”

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Wednesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu